

In the Specification:

On Page 1, after the title and before the first line of the text, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/716,269, filed January 31, 1997.--

On pages 4 and 5, amend the paragraph bridging those pages to read as follows:

Although extraction solvents comprising a perfluorocarbon such as perfluoropropane may be usefully employed in the process of the present invention, the preferred extraction solvents will comprise one or more hydrofluorocarbons. Hydrofluorocarbons having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, especially the hydrofluoromethanes, hydrofluoroethanes and hydrofluoropropanes, are more preferred, and of these the hydrofluorocarbons having 2 carbon atoms, especially the hydrofluoroethanes, are particularly preferred. Examples of hydrofluoromethanes and hydrofluoroethanes which may be useful in the extraction process of the present invention include, inter alia, trifluoromethane, fluoromethane, difluoromethane, pentafluoroethane, 1,1,1-trifluoroethane, 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane.

Suitable hydrofluoropropanes for use in the present process may be selected from the pentafluoropropanes, the hexafluoropropanes and the heptafluoropropanes.

Suitable pentafluoropropanes and hexafluoropropanes include 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane (R-245fa), 1,1,2,2,3-pentafluoropropane (R-245ca), 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane (R-245eb), 1,1,2,3,3-pentafluoropropane (R-245ea), 1,1,1,2,3,3-hexafluoropropane (R-236ea), 1,1,1,2,2,3-hexafluoropropane (R-